

REMARKS

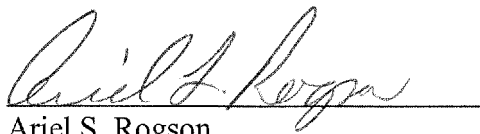
Claims 1-27 are pending. Claim 14 stands objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 09/654,660 in view of Application No. 09/512,963. Claim 5 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 09/654,660 in view of Application No. 09/512,963 and further in view of Application No. 09/615,726.

Claim 14 is amended to address the Examiner's objections. A terminal disclaimer is submitted to overcome the double-patenting rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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